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ROAD FOR AN APPROACHING

she would cheerfully exchange it all for one single friend, or some one to talk to and break the silent spell of the long days on her isolated farm. "Even a tramp would be welcome." she often told herself, when, nearly desperate with lonesomeness, she would wander out to the hammock on the front longth and eagerly search the read for an wander out to the hammock on the front porch and eagerly search the road for an approaching visitor. But few people ventured down this particular road, as it was off the main pike, and no one guessed at the longing hidden under her cold, forbidding countenance enough to co out of his way to see her. Even the tramps stayed away and strayed into more profitable ways.

On this particular summer afternoon, on reaching the hammock, she piled the cushions high, and stretching her tired muscles, lay back to let the faint breeze cool her throbbing temples. The atmosphere was oppressive and the afternoon very still. The hammock swung with a slow, rivythmic motion for a time and

slow, rhythmic motion for a time and also was still. The monotonous hum of busy insects grew louder and the flowers poured forth their fragrance in glorious poured forth their fragrance in glorious abundance from the flower beds in the garden, while all the world bowed itself in glad obelsance to Queen Summer. Little damp curls clinging to Nora's forehead broke loose and waved gently in the rising breeze, but Nora heeded not, for at last completely worn out, she had responded to some merciful impulse and was far away in the land of Forget, asleep.

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Far down the hot stretch of road where the deep azure biue of the sky dipped down to meet the deeper golden to mingle together in a faint mass of hazy green, a tiny dot appeared. At a closer range the dot resolved itself into a boy—a tiny boy, whose bare feet dragged slowly in the pitiless heat of the sandy road, but whose small mouth was drawn into a determined line as he trudged persistently. Though making only slow progress his eyes were ever turned expectantly upon the road in front of him. On and on he came until it seemed that he must drop at the next step and fall back into the obscurity of a mere dot without history, once more. Finally his eyes brightened and his step quickened. He had seen a house. It had been such miles and miles since he had seen a house that he had begun to doubt that the God who found homes for little hoys really was leading him to the right place. It was a little white house, too. He had so hoped that he might reach a white house, for when he had dreamed his dreams of home he was to find, it was aiways a little white house that beckoned him and seemed to draw him gently to it.

I last he reached the gate—the gate of his promised land. He stood on tiptoe and peered anxiously through and up the flower bordered walk, but there were, so many flowers he couldn't see very



well, so he turned aside and finally by stretching and tugging he managed to get the door unlatched. Very cautiously me pulled it open and after looking all tround walked in and closed it carefully after him. Still no one arrested his progress, so he ventured to approach the house. He walked slowly up the path until a sudden turn brought him face to face with the woman sleeping in the hammock. He stopped and gazed at her with great wide eyes. Then having satisfied himself that she was indeed asleep, he calmly gat down on the step to wait for her to awaken.

Finally Nora opened her eyes and looker straight into those of the little boy latting upon her step looking at her so

"And that isn't all," replied the neigh

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fat beetles, and the first thing he asks any one he may happen to meet is if they had seen any.

Buster Bear grinned and said he thought he knew where there might be a few, and he would be pleased to have Jimmy go with him to see. Sure enough, under an old log he found five fat beetles, and these Jimmy gobbled up without even asking Buster if he would have one. Jimmy is usually very polite, but this time he quite forgot politeness. I am fraid he is rather apt to when fat beetles are concerned. But Buster didn't seem to mind. When the last beetle had disappeared Jimmy smacked his lips, and then he told Buster Bear what he had come for. Of course, at first Buster had thought it was for the fat beetles. But it wasn't. No, sir, it wasn't for the fat beetles at all. It was to get Buster Bear's help in a plan to teach Old Mr. Toad a lesson.

First Jimmy told Buster all about how puffed up Old Mr. Toad was because he had dined with Buster, and how ever since then he had refused to even speak to his old friends and neighbors. It since then he had refused to even speak to his old friends and neighbors. It tickled Buster Bear so to think that little, homely Old Mr. Toad could be proud of anything that he laughed and laughed, OLD MR. TOAD WAS SO PUFFED UP and his laugh was deep and grumbly-rumbly. Then Jimmy told him the plan to teach Old Mr. Toad a lesson and asked

Bear. He thought it an honor, a very great honor, to have been invited to dine with one for whom every one had such very great respect as they had for Buster Bear, and because he felt that it was such a very great honor, he puffed himself out with pride and felt himself so far above his old friends and neighbors that he would have nothing to do with any of the deliver his reply, and one of the deliver his reply.

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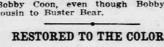
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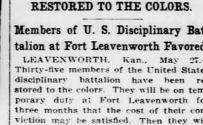
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